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GEORGIA CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

All cattle and calves on Georgia farms on January 1, 2004, are estimated at 1,250,000 head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2003 according to the Georgia Agricultural Statistic Service.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 700,000 head on January 1, 2004, down 1 percent from the previous year. Beef cows totaled 616,000 head, down 1 percent, and milk cows are 84,000 head, down 1 percent.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 85,000 head, 6 percent less than the 90,000 on hand a year earlier. Milk replacement heifers totaled 26,000 head, down 10 percent from the previous year.

Calves born during 2003 in Georgia totaled 580,000 head, down 3 percent from the number born in 2002.

U.S. JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2004, totaled 94.9 million head, 1 percent below the 96.1 million on January 1, 2003. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.9 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2003.

Beef cows, at 32.86 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2003.

Milk cows, at 8.99 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2003.

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